

## Claims

1. Use of levosimendan or its metabolite (II) or any of their pharmaceutically acceptable salts in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of renal failure.
2. Use of levosimendan or its metabolite (II) or any of their pharmaceutically acceptable salts in the manufacture of a medicament for reducing mortality in a mammal suffering from renal failure the mortality being associated with the deterioration of kidney function.
3. A method for the treatment of renal failure in a mammal, said method comprising administering to a mammal in need thereof an effective amount of levosimendan or its metabolite (II) or any of their pharmaceutically acceptable salts.
4. A method for reducing mortality in a mammal suffering from renal failure the mortality being associated with the deterioration of kidney function, said method comprising administering to a mammal in need thereof an effective amount of levosimendan or its metabolite (II) or any of their pharmaceutically acceptable salts.